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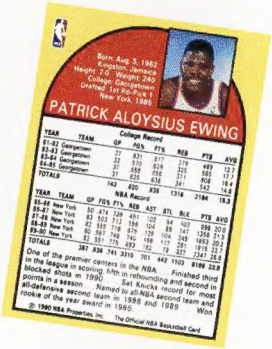
What's his nickname?

Led what school to an NCAA title?

Scored his most points in what season?



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HEATHCLIFF IN "HE'S ALL VET"

HI, DOCTOR ITCHELOT! ARE YOU *HIDING* FROM SOMEBODY?

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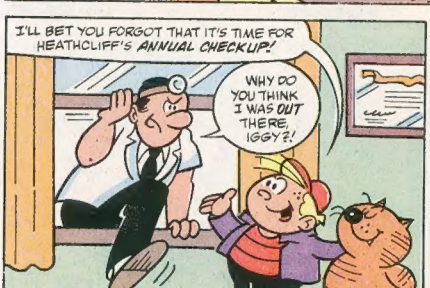

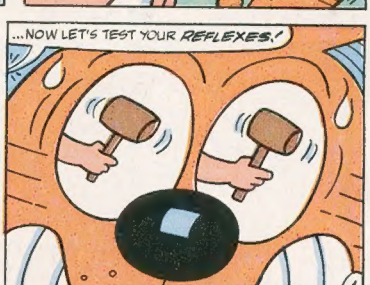

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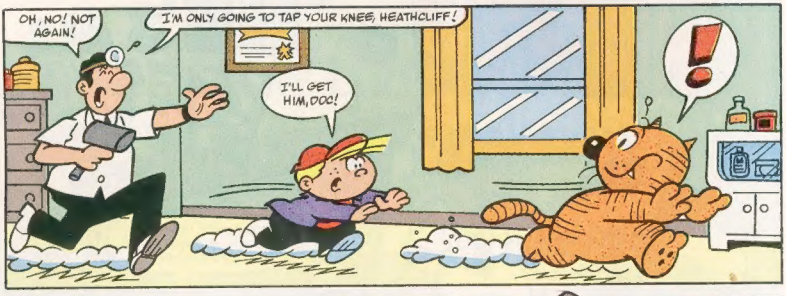
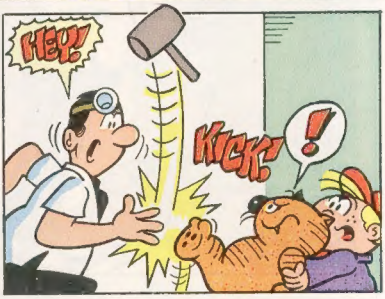

OH, NO! NOT AGAIN!
I'M ONLY GOING TO TAP YOUR KNEE, HEATHCLIFF!
I'LL GET HIM, DOC!
!

WILL YOU PLEASE KEEP STILL?!
CUT IT OUT, HEATHCLIFF!


HEY!
KICK!
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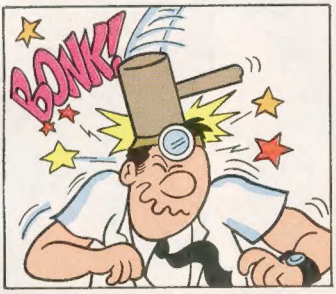
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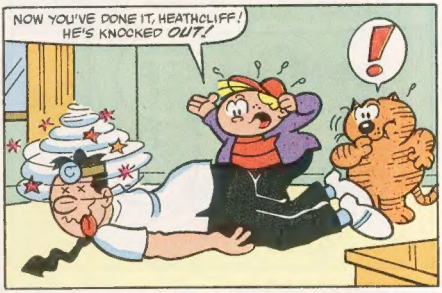
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, HEATHCLIFF! HE'S KNOCKED OUT!
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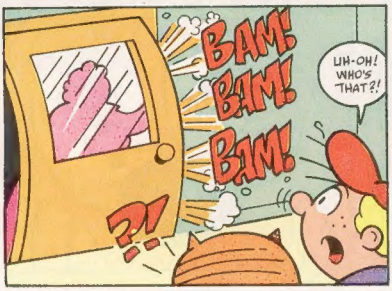
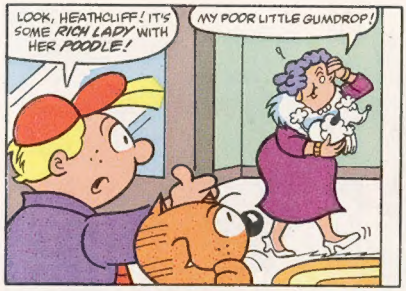
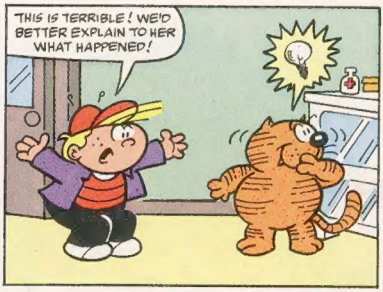
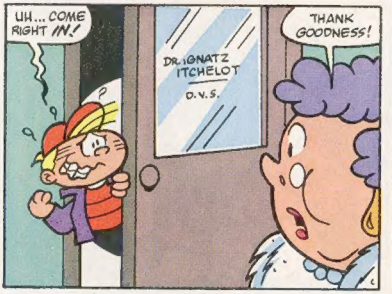

BAM! BAM! BAM!
?!
UH-OH! WHO'S THAT?!

DOCTOR! YOU MUST TRY TO CURE MY DARLING 'GUMDROP'!
I'LL PAY YOU HANDSOMELY!
WAITING ROOM


LOOK, HEATHCLIFF! IT'S SOME RICH LADY WITH HER POODLE!
MY POOR LITTLE GUMDROP!

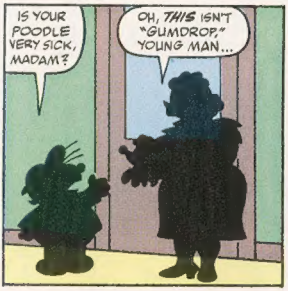

THIS IS TERRIBLE! WE'D BETTER EXPLAIN TO HER WHAT HAPPENED!


UH... COME RIGHT IN!
DR. IGNATZ ITCHELOT D.V.S.
THANK GOODNESS!

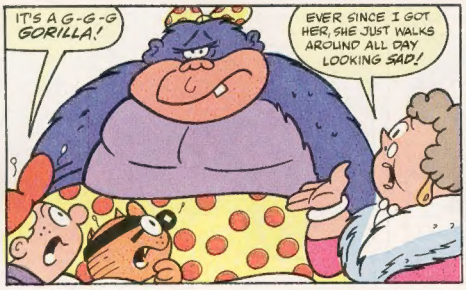
WHERE IS THE DOCTOR, YOUNG MAN?!
WHERE IS HE--? WHY, er... HE'S UM... UH...
DR. IGNATZ ITCHELOT D.V.S.

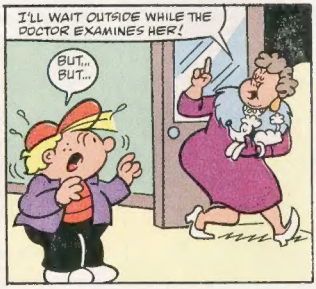
OH, THERE HE IS!!
HUH?!

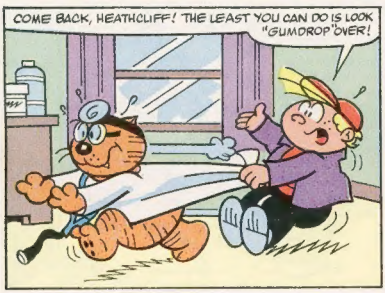
YOU MUST HAVE TREATED MANY ANIMALS, DOCTOR! YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE ONE!

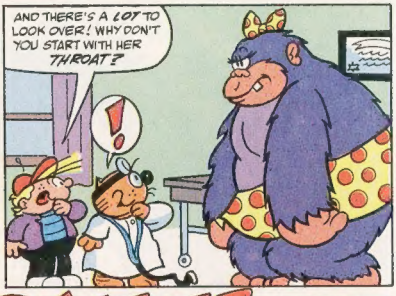

IS YOUR POODLE VERY SICK, MADAM?
OH, THIS ISN'T "GUMDROP," YOUNG MAN...

...THIS IS GUMDROP!!


IT'S A G-G-G GORILLA!
EVER SINCE I GOT HER, SHE JUST WALKS AROUND ALL DAY LOOKING SAD!


I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE WHILE THE DOCTOR EXAMINES HER!
BUT... BUT...


COME BACK, HEATHCLIFF! THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS LOOK "GUMDROP" OVER!


AND THERE'S A LOT TO LOOK OVER! WHY DON'T YOU START WITH HER THROAT?
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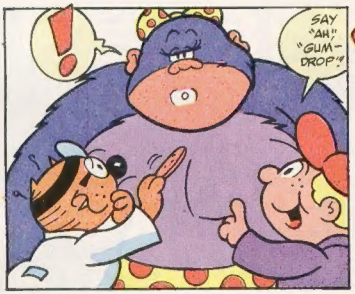
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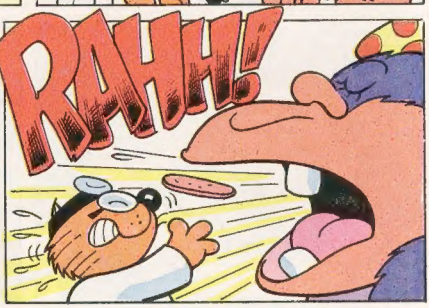
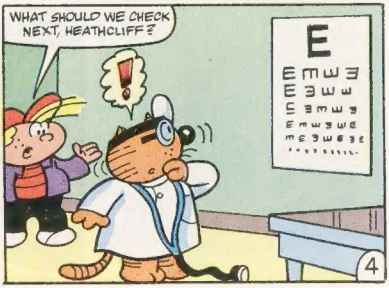
SAY "AH," "GUM-DROP"!


RAHH!

I GUESS GORILLA BREATH IS PRETTY STRONG!


WHAT SHOULD WE CHECK NEXT, HEATHCLIFF?
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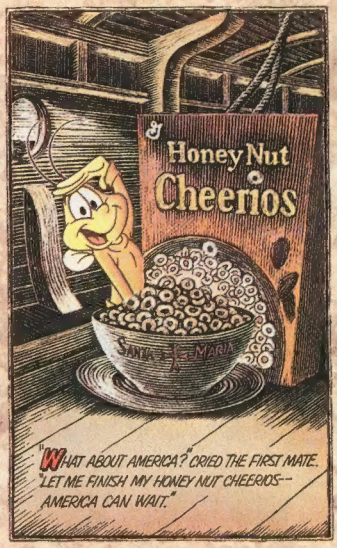
How Columbus Discovered Honey Nut Cheerios

IN FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO,
COLUMBUS SAILED THE OCEAN BLUE.
SEEKING A ROUTE TO FAR-WAY LANDS,
UNTIL A CERTAIN BEE CHANGED
ALL OF HIS PLANS.

THE BEE CAME UP TO COLUMBUS, THE STORY GOES,
OFFERING HIM A TASTE OF HONEY-NUT CHEERIOS.
"GOLDEN HONEY AND CRUNCHY NUTS SOUND YUMMY?"
ASKED THE BEE.
COLUMBUS DECLARED, "HONEY AND NUTS? WOW,
WHAT A GREAT TASTE DISCOVERY!"

THE HONEY AND NUT TASTE WAS
SUCH A DELICIOUS DISTRACTION,
HE SAILED ROUND AND ROUND
IN NO CERTAIN DIRECTION.



"WHAT ABOUT AMERICA?" CRIED THE FIRST MATE.
"LET ME FINISH MY HONEY NUT CHEERIOS--
AMERICA CAN WAIT."

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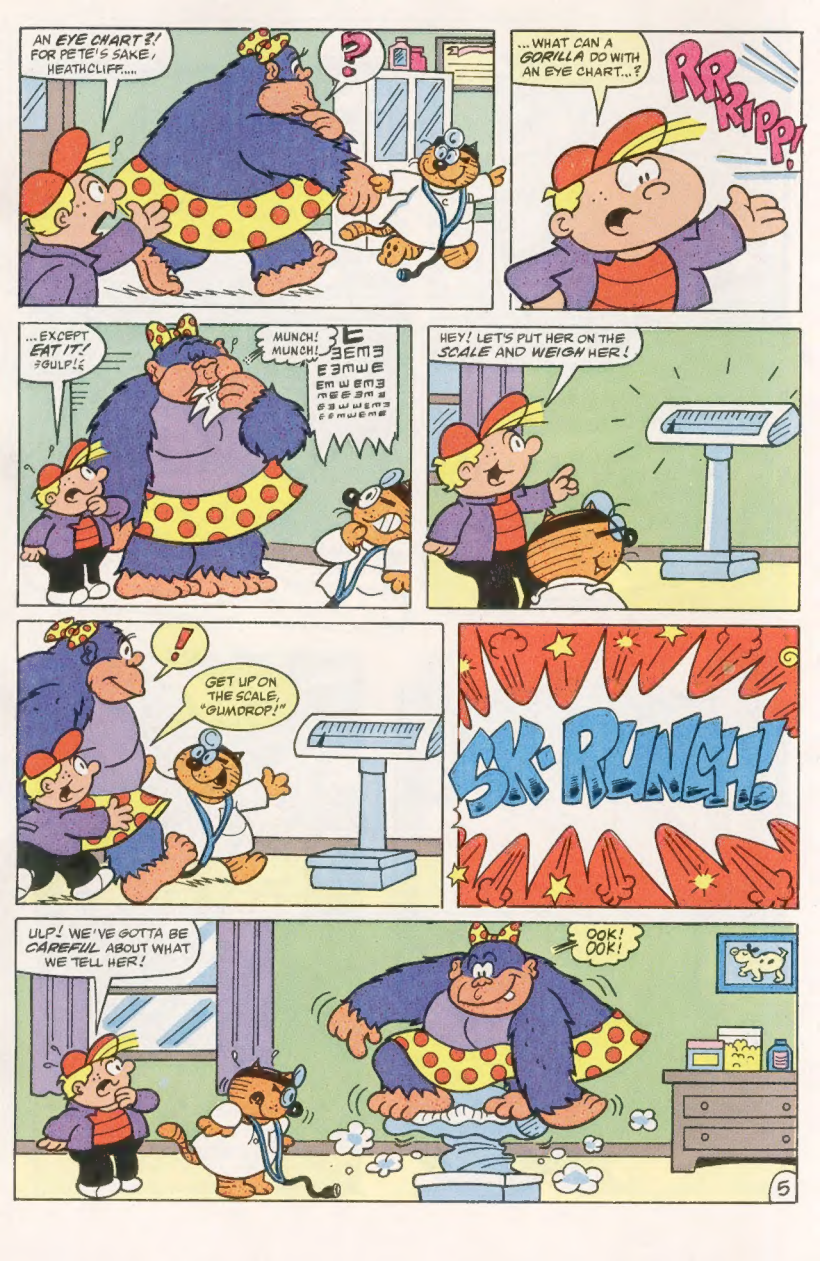
AN EYE CHART?! FOR PETE'S SAKE, HEATHCLIFF.....
?
...WHAT CAN A GORILLA DO WITH AN EYE CHART...?
RRRIPP!
...EXCEPT EAT IT! GULP!
MUNCH! MUNCH!
HEY! LET'S PUT HER ON THE SCALE AND WEIGH HER!
!
GET UP ON THE SCALE, "GUMDROP!"
SK-RUNCH!
ULP! WE'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT WE TELL HER!
OOK! OOK!

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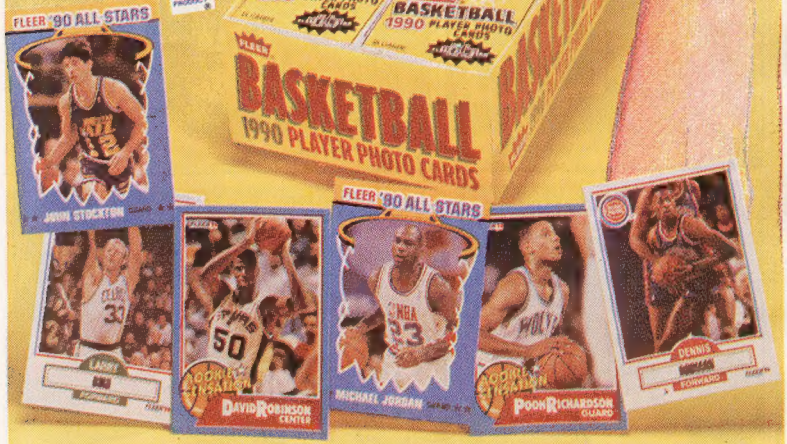

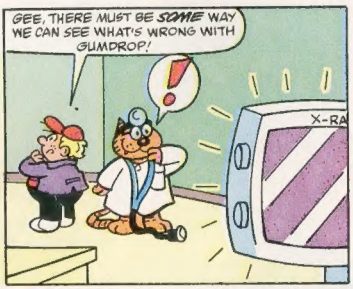
GEE, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY WE CAN SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH GUMDROP!
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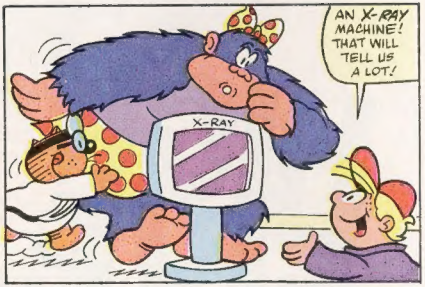
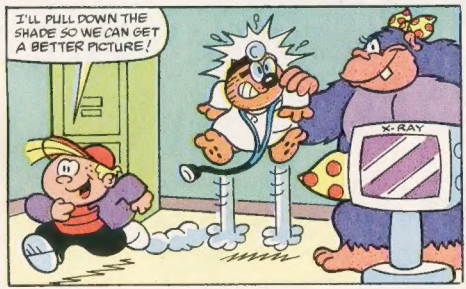
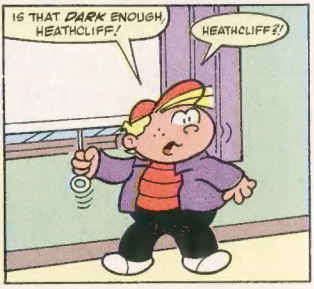
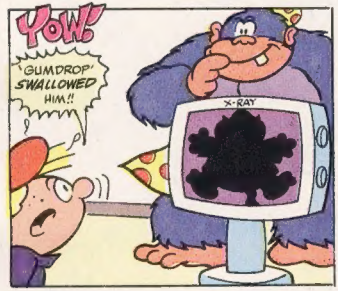
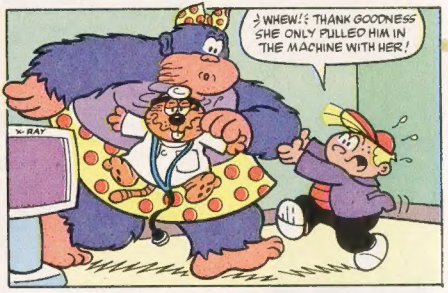
X-RA

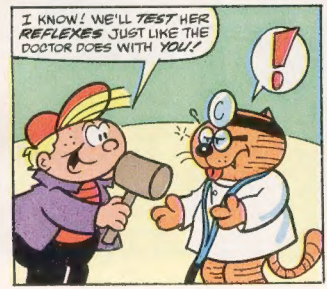

AN X-RAY MACHINE! THAT WILL TELL US A LOT!
X-RAY


I'LL PULL DOWN THE SHADE SO WE CAN GET A BETTER PICTURE!
X-RAY


IS THAT DARK ENOUGH, HEATHCLIFF!
HEATHCLIFF?!


YOW!
'GUMDROP' SWALLOWED HIM!!
X-RAY


WHEW! THANK GOODNESS SHE ONLY PULLED HIM IN THE MACHINE WITH HER!
X-RAY


I KNOW! WE'LL TEST HER REFLEXES JUST LIKE THE DOCTOR DOES WITH YOU!
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HAVE A SEAT, "GUMDROP," AND NO MONKEY BUSINESS! OKAY?
OOK?

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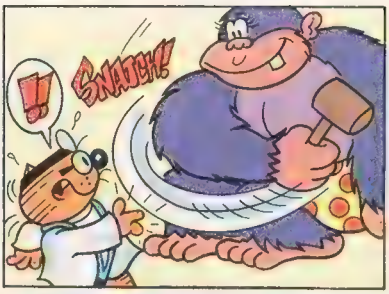
DINK!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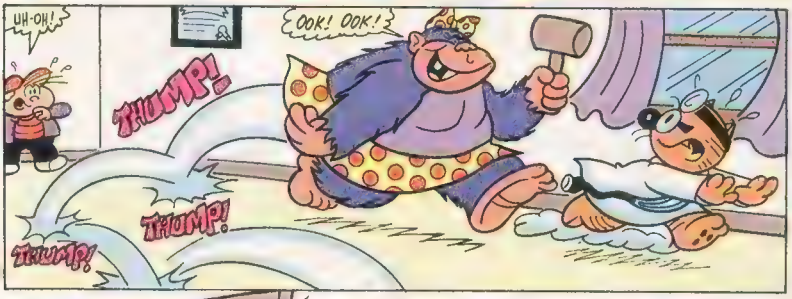
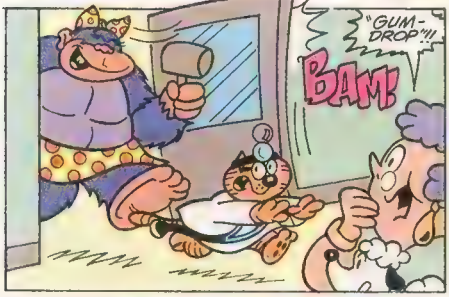
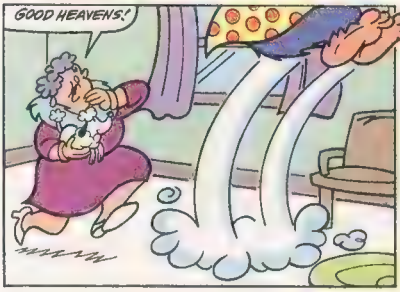
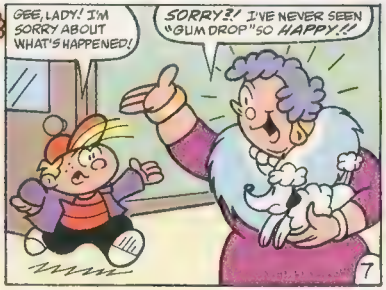
SNATCH!

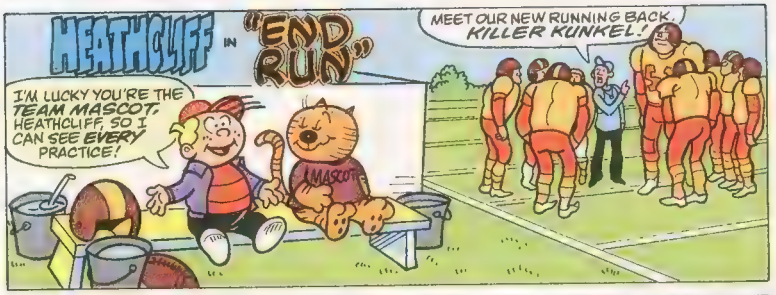

UH-OH!
OOK! OOK!
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!


"GUM-DROP"!!!
BAM!

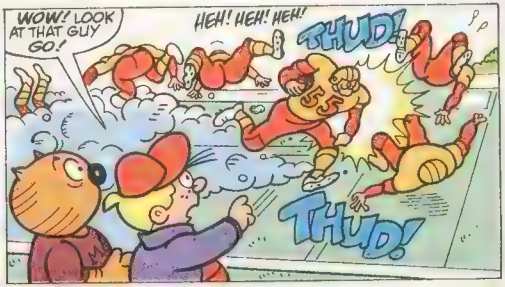

GOOD HEAVENS!


GEE, LADY! I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENED!
SORRY?! I'VE NEVER SEEN "GUM DROP" SO HAPPY!!

OOK-OOK! EEP-EEP!
NOW I SEE-- ALL SHE NEEDED WAS SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH!
WOW! I'D FEEL GREAT, EXCEPT THAT WE WRECKED THE OFFICE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT...
...I'LL GIVE YOU MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING!
HEAR THAT, HEATHCLIFF? YIPPEE!
LATER...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT MAD AT US, DOCTOR ITCHELOT!
NOT AT ALL IGGY, IN FACT...
...NOW THAT HEATHCLIFF'S LEARNED HIS LESSON, MAYBE HE'LL LET ME EXAMINE HIM WITHOUT A BIG FUSS!
I'M SURE HE WILL, DOC...
...AS SOON AS "GUMDROP" LETS GO OF HIM!
THE END


HEATHCLIFF IN "END RUN"
I'M LUCKY YOU'RE THE TEAM MASCOT, HEATHCLIFF, SO I CAN SEE EVERY PRACTICE!
MASCOT
MEET OUR NEW RUNNING BACK, KILLER KUNKEL!

KILLER'S GONNA RUN WITH THE BALL AND I WANT YOU GUYS TO BRING HIM DOWN!


WOW! LOOK AT THAT GUY GO!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
THUD!
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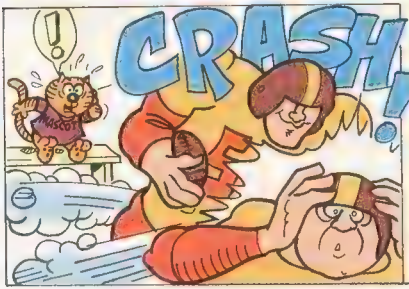
THUD!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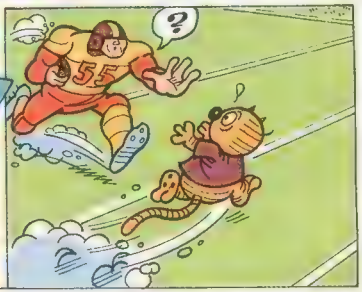
CRASH!
MASCOT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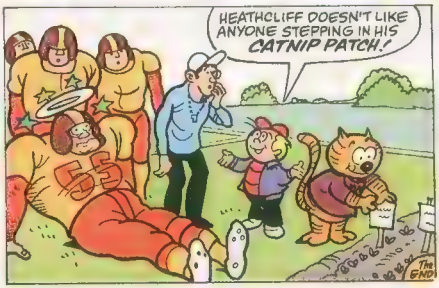
HEATHCLIFF DOESN'T LIKE ANYONE STEPPING IN HIS CATNIP PATCH!
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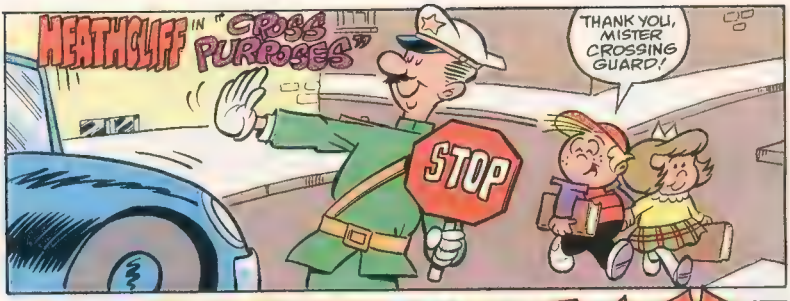
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THANK YOU, MISTER CROSSING GUARD!
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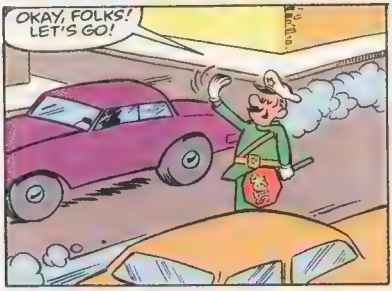
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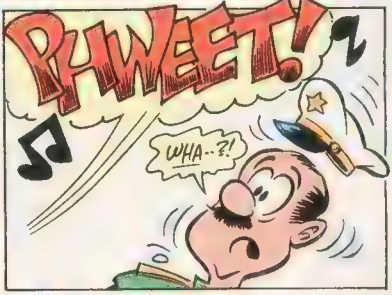
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WHA--?!

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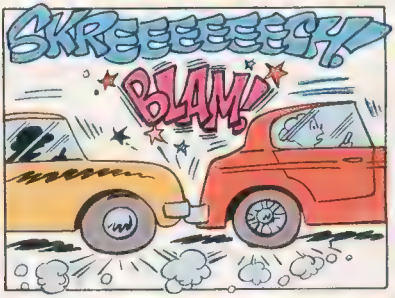
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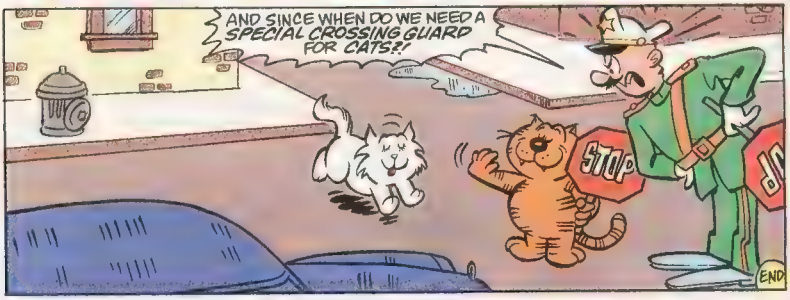
AND SINCE WHEN DO WE NEED A SPECIAL CROSSING GUARD FOR CATS?!
STOP
END

HEATHCLIFF IN "THAT'S THE TWITH"
NEXT!
NOW BEHAVE YOURSELF IN THE DENTIST'S OFFICE, HEATHCLIFF!
WAITING ROOM
HI, DOC!
I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE, IGGY...
... AS SOON AS I TIGHTEN A BOLT ON THIS MACHINE!
SNIFF SNIFF
YIPES! PUT THAT BACK, HEATHCLIFF!
HEY! THAT'S MY LUNCH!
COME HERE, HERE!
ULP! DID YOU SEE THAT, HARRY?
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, ZELDA!
WE DON'T WANT A DENTIST, THAT PULLS TEETH WITH A PLUMBER'S WRENCH!
STOP!
THE END

HEATHCLIFF IN "THE MAD CAT ROBBER"

NO WONDER IT'S ON SALE!

HEATHCLIFF!

COD SOME COD

SALE!

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OOOOOF!

I'M SORRY, SIR! IT'S ALL THAT CAT'S FAULT!

A CAT? NO WONDER ALL I CAN THINK OF IS... ME---OW!

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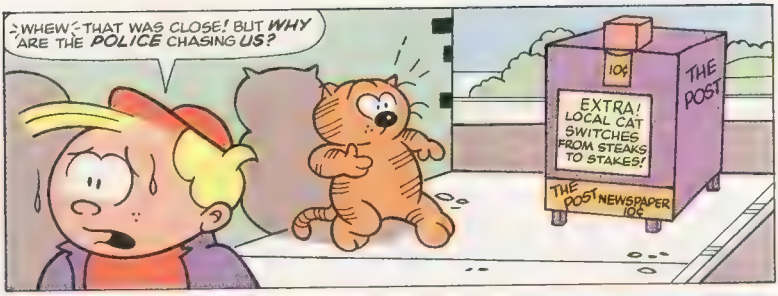
ALAS! NOTHING EVER GOES RIGHT FOR OLIVER T. FLUB...
...THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTER, WITH THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTION!
A ROBOT THAT CAN DO ANYTHING!
EVEN ÷SIGH÷ BREAKDANCE!
KLUNK!
CRASH!
WITH MY ROBOT, WE COULD RULE THE WORLD!
LOOK AT HIS EYES.. HE'S C-R-A-Z-Y!
BUT NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO ME!
EVEN A CAT GETS MORE RECOGNITION THAN I DO!
HMMM...
IT WAS HIM! THAT CAT!
HEATHCLIFF!
THAT CAT! OF COURSE!
TINKER
TINKER
BANG
AT LAST! A MECHANICAL HEATHCLIFF! MY PERFECT ALIBI FOR A LIFE OF CRIME!

THE PEOPLE OF WESTFINSTER ALREADY KNOW WHO TO BLAME WHEN TROUBLE STRIKES!
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO CONFUSE THEM! HEH HEH! DO YOUR WORST, MY BRAINCHILD!
AND SOON, ALL OVER TOWN...
HELP!
JEWELRY
HELP!
Fancy Furs
HELP!
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY, HEATHCLIFF! FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL?
BANK OF WESTFINSTER
LOOK! THAT'S HIM, OFFICER! THAT'S THE MAD CAT ROBBER!
WE'LL GET HIM!
HEATHCLIFF! IF YOU WANT TO PLAY TAG, WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY SO!
NIP
HUH?
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!


WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! BUT WHY ARE THE POLICE CHASING US?
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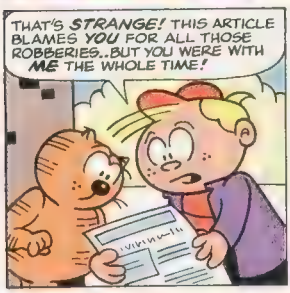
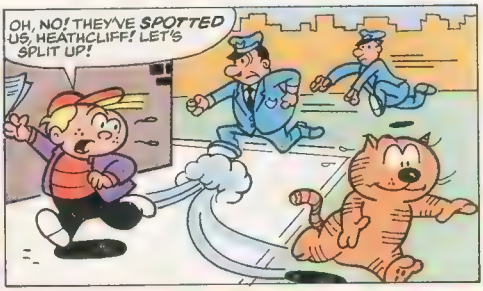
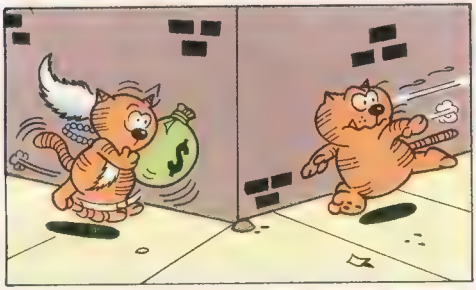
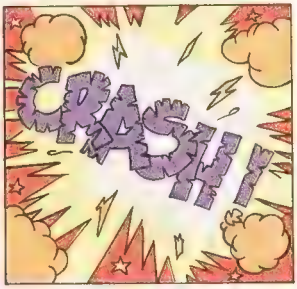

THAT'S STRANGE! THIS ARTICLE BLAMES YOU FOR ALL THOSE ROBBERIES..BUT YOU WERE WITH ME THE WHOLE TIME!


OH, NO! THEY'VE SPOTTED US, HEATHCLIFF! LET'S SPLIT UP!

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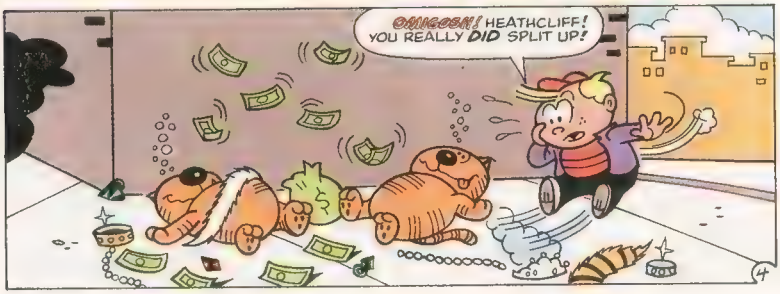
OHGOSH! HEATHCLIFF! YOU REALLY DID SPLIT UP!

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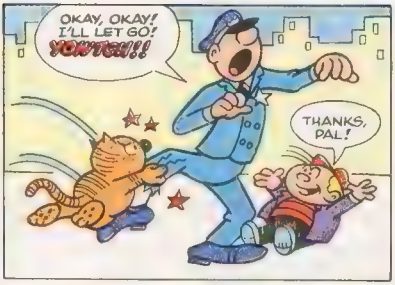
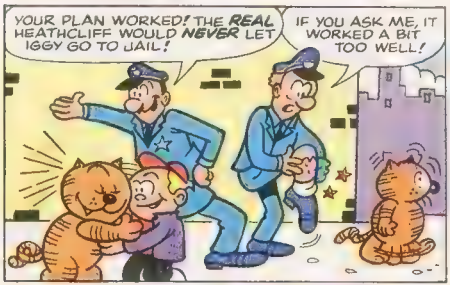
AHA! FINALLY I'VE GOT...
...YOU?
YOU, TOO?
NO HIM TWO!
WAIT! ONE OF THOSE CATS IS MINE... AND HE'S INNOCENT!
SO TELL US WHICH ONE!
UH, I...I DON'T KNOW!
SAY, SARGE! DO I GET PAID DOUBLE-TIME FOR THIS CASE?
HMMM! I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WHEN MY LITTLE BRAINCHILD DIDN'T RETURN!
WE'VE DECIDED THAT SINCE HEATHCLIFF IS YOUR CAT, IGGY, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS! WE'RE TAKING YOU IN!
ME?
HEH! HEH! HEH!
HEATH-CLIFF!

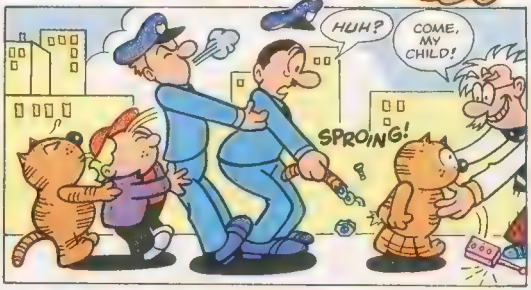
HELP!


OKAY, OKAY! I'LL LET GO! YOWTCH!!
THANKS, PAL!

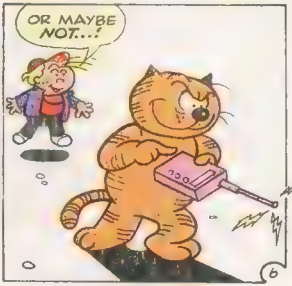

YOUR PLAN WORKED! THE REAL HEATHCLIFF WOULD NEVER LET IGGY GO TO JAIL!
IF YOU ASK ME, IT WORKED A BIT TOO WELL!

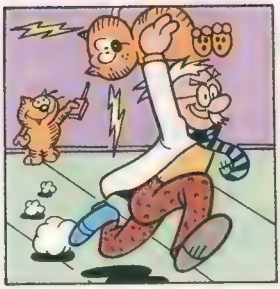
BUT IF THIS IS THE REAL HEATHCLIFF, THEN WHO IS THAT?
UH-OH!

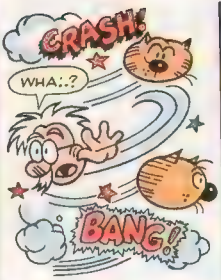
WE'LL FIND OUT!
GOTCHA!


HUH?
COME, MY CHILD!
SPROING!

A ROBOT!
HOW INGENIOUS!
INGENIOUS OR NOT ...HE'S GETTING AWAY!


OR MAYBE NOT...!

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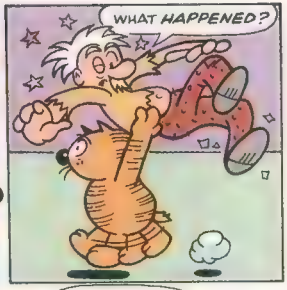
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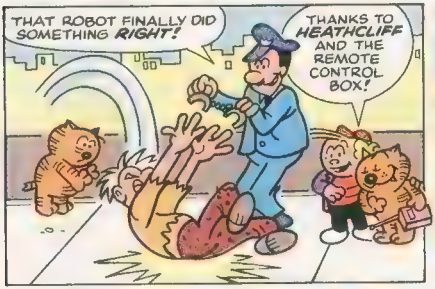
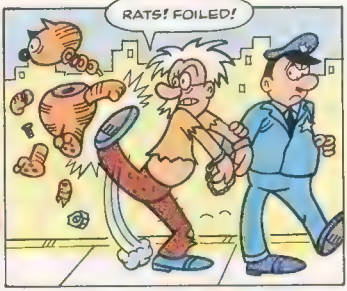

THAT ROBOT FINALLY DID SOMETHING RIGHT!
THANKS TO HEATHCLIFF AND THE REMOTE CONTROL BOX!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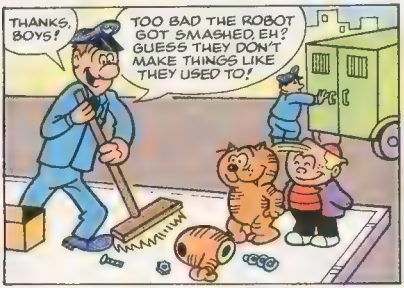
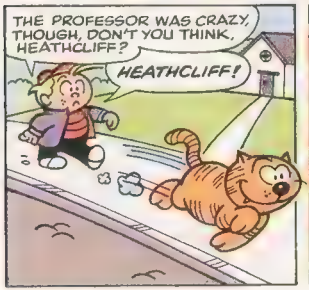
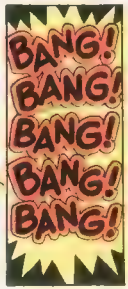

THANKS, BOYS!
TOO BAD THE ROBOT GOT SMASHED, EH? GUESS THEY DON'T MAKE THINGS LIKE THEY USED TO!

I THINK MAYBE THE ROBOT AND THE PROFESSOR HAD SOME SCREWS LOOSE!
SPARE PARTS


THE PROFESSOR WAS CRAZY, THOUGH, DON'T YOU THINK, HEATHCLIFF?
HEATHCLIFF!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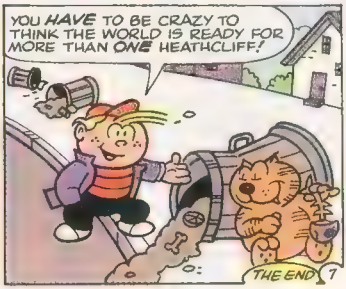
YOU HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO THINK THE WORLD IS READY FOR MORE THAN ONE HEATHCLIFF!
THE END

HEATHCLIFF IN 'UNCANNY'
THANK YOU, CHUMP! NOW FOR OUR NEXT CONTESTANT ON "CHAMP... OR CHUMP!"
HEATHCLIFF NUTMEG! AS YOU KNOW, HEATHCLIFF...
CHAMP OR CHUMP?
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!
...ONE OF THESE FOUR CANS HAS A FABULOUS PRIZE INSIDE! AND YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT FOR THE OTHERS!
1
2
3
4
NOW LET'S FIND OUT IF YOU'RE A CHAMP... OR A CHUMP!
ZOOM!
NO! NOT THAT ONE! HEH-HEH!
SPLOOSH!
3
HA! HA! NOT THAT ONE, EITHER! ONE MORE GUESS...
SPLAT!
1
HO! HO! AND NOT THAT ONE!
BOOM!
4
ALL OF US ON "CHAMP OR CHUMP" KNOW THAT HEATHCLIFF NUTMEG IS DEFINITELY A--
CHAMP OR CHUMP!
WHAM
--SORE LOSER!
2
THE END

STAR SIGNALS

We've just received this fast-breaking news: A winner has been selected in the STAR Comics Popularity Contest! It's an amazing development in the world of comics. Surprisingly, the real world (of politics and taxes) seems little affected by the contest's outcome. It is believed, however, that should the winner—a powerful and furry figure—decide to run for the Presidency, he is a size 28-D shoe-in. (The White House is rumored to be looking for a new pair of shoes.)

Coming over the teletype right now is the name of the esteemed winner. Yes, you guessed it—ALF, short for Alien Life Form. Gordon Shumway, former resident of the former planet Melmac, has been an unexpected guest on Earth for several years now, and was selected by STAR Comics readers as their favorite STAR personality.

Second place in the contest is shared by Heathcliff and Count Duckula. Fans of both these characters are demanding a recount. Some suspect that ballots were never counted in the first place. This would make a recount impossible, especially since many of the ballots were apparently eaten by the esteemed contest winner.

For skeptics who doubt the veracity of this news bulletin, we'd like to quote somebody famous who said, "We don't make the news, we only print it." Well, he said something like that, anyway.

Read on for sneak previews of the adventures of the ever-popular ALF, Count Duckula, Mighty Mouse, Heathcliff and Danger Mouse. They're all waiting for you at your favorite newsstand and comic book store

• ALF has certainly dug himself into a hole this time! In "Underexposed," ALF recounts a Melmac flashback which leads him—and us—through a hilarious spoof of underground comics! Will the Comics Code Authority stand for it? *Should* they?! Read ALF #36 and decide for yourself!

• If you like the movie *Casablanca*, you'll love "Live and Let Dine," in COUNT DUCKULA #14. This spy-filled comic is a spine-tingling, page-turning thriller! (Okay, that's a slight exaggeration. But it *is* a funny story. How many tiny and exotic countries have a parking lot big enough to hold a flying castle?) Also, watch Danger Mouse and Penfold play tag in the wrestling saga, "Pin-Fall Wizards"! Have Her Majesty's Finest met their match? Find out in COUNT DUCKULA #14!

• Mighty Mouse has to handle some "Secret Chores", so he asks another super hero to protect Mouseville while he's away. Bat-Bat and his sidekick, Tick (the Bug Wonder), are ready for action! But are they ready for... the Emperor Penguin? The fate of Mouseville hangs in the balance, in MIGHTY MOUSE #3!

• Fighting, fish-swiping, and sleeping are raised to an even higher art form as Heathcliff does what he does best in HEATHCLIFF #54 ... on sale now!

Keep checking newsstands and comic book stores for new STAR comics! BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION are coming your way soon! In the meantime, remember your favorite STAR comics: HEATHCLIFF, MIGHTY MOUSE, ALF, COUNT DUCKULA, AND DANGER MOUSE!

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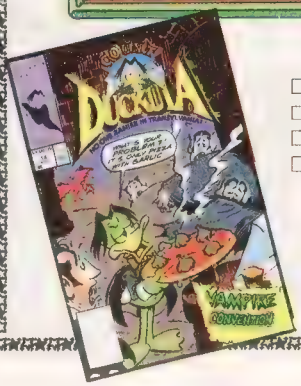

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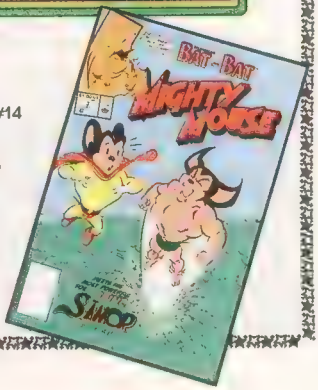

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HEATHCLIFF'S LITTER BOX

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Hey, kids—Since we print your name, city, and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I like cats very much. You are the most playful. I like your show. Was your Catman costume comfortable?

Matthew
New York, NY

A caped crusader like Catman can't concern himself with comfort, not when the world is threatened by a villain like the Soaker! But thanks for asking, Matthew. (Actually, it was a comfortable 100% cotton.)

Dear STAR,
I just recently got HEATHCLIFF (No. 47) with your parody on a certain Dark Knight. I loved it

I definitely would love to see Heathcliff as Catman again in the future. Maybe he can fight an evil villain named The Ostrich or a coin flipping dog named Two-For-Three Face or something like that. How about it?

And I've already figured out who your secret star is. It's Danger Mouse, isn't it? He's getting his own comic book in the future, right?

Well, cheers to the Great Mouse of Spydom. May he always be a *bond* to all Secret Agents everywhere.

Till all gets trashed by Heathcliff, . . . So long

Steven Acevedo
Bronx, NY

Glad you liked the parody, Steven, and thanks for your ideas. By now you probably know that the Secret Star is BARBIE! The international controversy over whether Danger Mouse should have his own comic book continues. Sounds like you're voting for it!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I love your comics and I love your show. I was thinking about you. You are the strongest and handsomest cat in the whole world. I hope you enjoy yourself.

Heathcliff, I want you to know I love you. Come over and get some fish

Latasha Forrest
Detroit, MI

It's obvious Heathcliff doesn't have to fish for compliments from you, Latasha. By the way, what time is dinner?

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I love ALL of your comic books. I'm 9 years old, and I've been reading your comic books since I was 6. I just read "Nightmare at Nutmeg Castle", (HEATHCLIFF #19), again. Then I read "Garfield, Bigger than Life." And YOU are my favorite "Cat of the Year!"

I love cats and especially YOU!

Kara Kuha
Minneapolis, MN

You're right, Kara! Heathcliff is the purr-fect choice for your "Kitty of the Year" contest. He'd come in first in all the cat-egories—Talent (Back Fence Concert Singing), Congeniality (Beating Up Spike), and Civic Works (Dumping Trash Cans). Heathcliff's an all-around winner!

Dear STAR Comics,
I buy your books. I never wrote to you before. I like your books and I think they're neat. I read HEATHCLIFF #47, "Catman," and X-Men, and WEB OF SPIDER MAN. I think you should write a story of Heathcliff in his future

Natalie Dzialo
Glenbush, Canada

That's such a good idea, Natalie, that we did it already! Check out "Future Shock," HEATHCLIFF #36.

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I collect comics other than HEATHCLIFF, such as MAD, Garfield, Archie, Richie Rich, and Family Circus. HEATHCLIFF is my favorite. I have sixty issues of anything made by HEATHCLIFF.

Soon Marvel should make a comic called SPIKE where Spike beats up Heathcliff, and the Favers are the main stars.

How many HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSES have been made?

Adam Leslie
Las Vegas, NV

Heathcliff's suggestion for a spin-off comic book is HEATHCLIFF BEATS UP SPIKE SOME MORE! All of the stories would be new adventures in which Heathcliff beats up Spike some more. As you can tell, Heathcliff, didn't love your idea, Adam. I wonder why?

To answer your question about the number of HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSES made—there were 10.

Dear STAR,
HEATHCLIFF #50 was the best. Keep up the good work!

Jamie Stern
Newark, NJ

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I love your comic books. I read them all the time. I think you should still make HEATHCLIFF's FUNHOUSE because I just can't get enough of you. You are very funny.

I think you should become a wrestler and wrestle Spike for the championship belt.

I have a cat that looks just like you, but he is meaner than you are. He's always scratching me.

Tony Reynolds
Greensboro, NC

Your wrestling story idea sounds like a great adventure for HEATHCLIFF BEATS UP SPIKE SOME MORE (above). Have you and Heathcliff been talking, Tony?

Dear HEATHCLIFF,
I really enjoy reading your comic books. You are my favorite character. My brother's favorite character is Garfield, but he's too greedy

Have you ever thought of having a HEATHCLIFF Digest with about 120 pages?

Michon Harder
Reno, NV

We didn't make a Heathcliff Digest but we published the next best thing. HEATHCLIFF #50, the big anniversary issue, has 48 action-packed pages! But who's counting, Michon?

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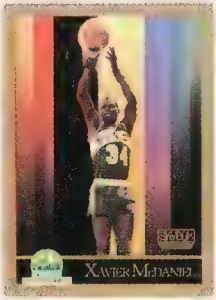

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THAT'S WHY HEATHCLIFF HAS TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
SLURP! LIKE SLURP!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
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...CHAUNCEY GETS A LITTLE TOO FRIENDLY!
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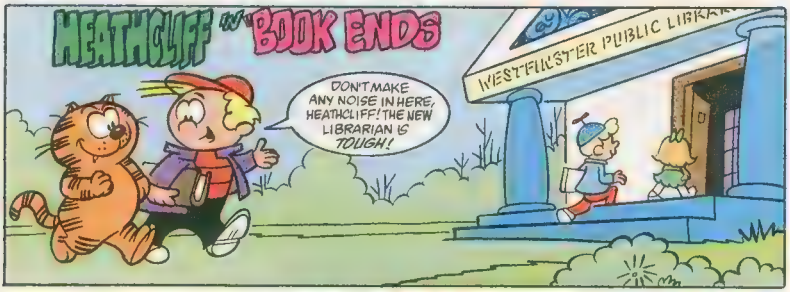
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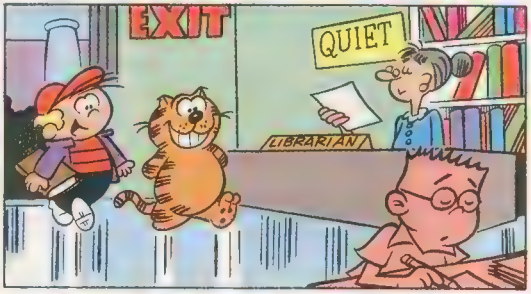
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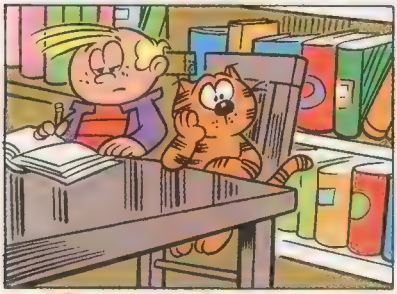

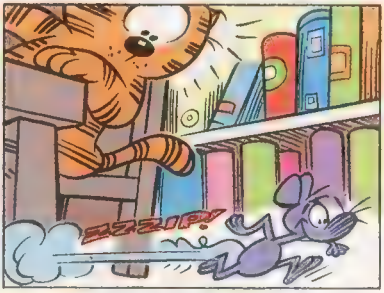
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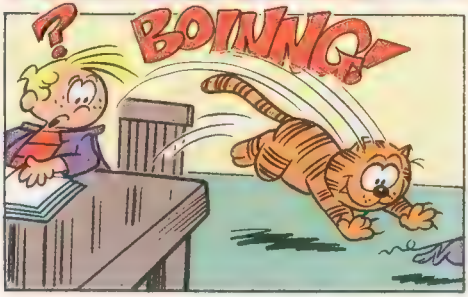
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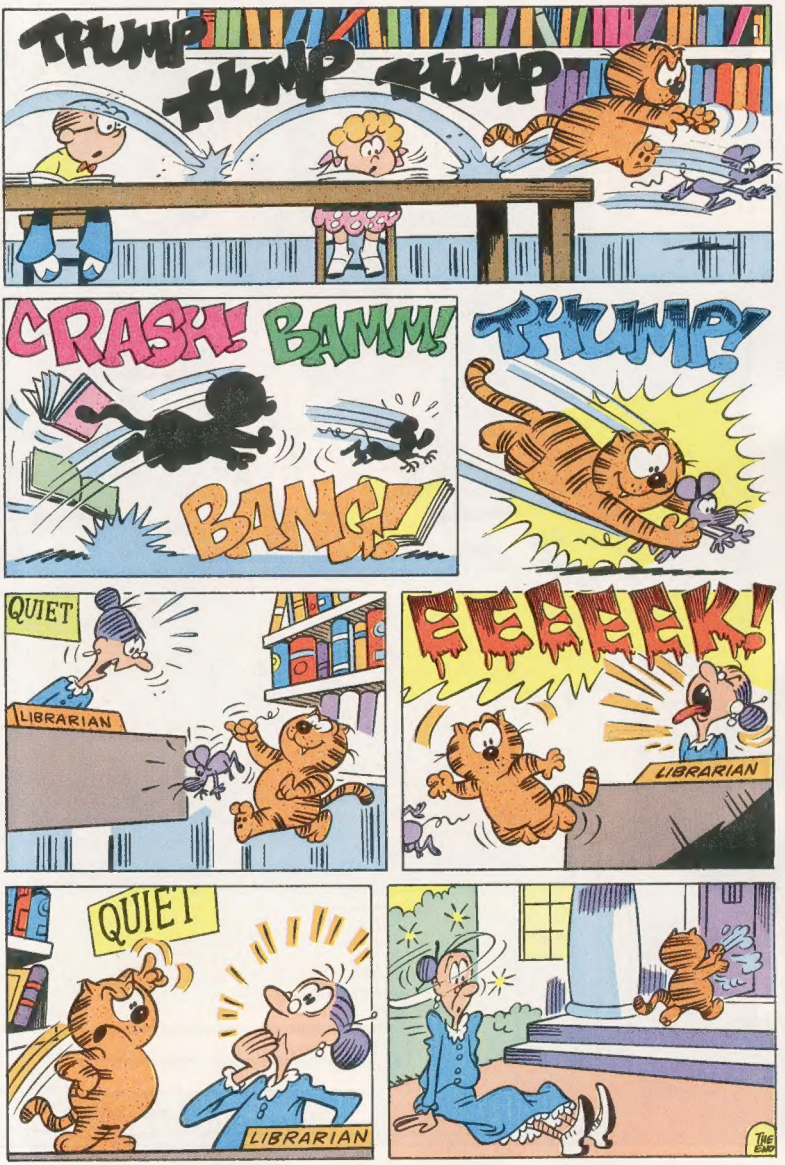
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